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Full Freeway Closure Planned on I-15 CORE for Bridge Work

Bridge Demo and Bridge Move to Close I-15 from Pleasant Grove to Orem

LEHI, Utah (Nov. 8, 2010) - For the week of Nov. 8, construction teams on UDOT's Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) are scheduled to close the freeway from Pleasant Grove to Orem for bridge work. Depending on weather, the northbound I-15 lane closure near American Fork and the northbound ramps at the American Fork 500 East interchange may reopen this week. The following is a brief description of significant upcoming construction activities on I-15 CORE:

I-15, American Fork to Orem

Crews are scheduled to close I-15 between Pleasant Grove and Orem for two nights to demolish the Lindon 200 South bridge and to move into place the first segment of the Proctor Lane bridge. Both directions of the freeway will close Saturday, Nov. 13, from 11 p.m. to as late as 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Lane restrictions begin at 10 p.m. During the closure, traffic will follow an off-freeway detour between Pleasant Grove Boulevard and Orem 1600 North (see attached graphic).

All northbound I-15 lanes in the same area will be closed Monday, Nov. 15, from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday in order for crews to safely move the second segment of the Proctor Lane bridge into place. Northbound traffic will follow the off-freeway detour. Southbound I-15 will be reduced to two lanes.

After the freeway closures, the Lindon 200 South bridge will remain closed for the next six months while the bridge is reconstructed. Local drivers can take 200 South to Geneva Road to 700 North to Proctor Lane to 200 South to avoid the closure (see attached graphic).

I-15, 200 South Lindon to 100 East American Fork

One northbound I-15 lane from 200 South in Lindon to 100 East in American Fork remains closed for concrete paving. Depending on weather, the lane may reopen this week. The northbound on- and off-ramps at the American Fork 500 East interchange may also re-open as early as this week.

Provo Center Street Interchange

At Provo Center Street, the southbound off-ramp and northbound on-ramp is expected to close nightly from Nov. 9 through Nov. 16. The work will be underway from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. so utility crews can relocate a fiber-optic cable in the area. Alternates during the closure are the University Parkway or University Avenue interchanges.

The exact start and completion dates will depend on weather, so drivers are encouraged to check the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) for the latest information. To minimize delays, UDOT encourages motorists to TravelWise by carpooling, telecommuting, using alternate routes and shifting travel times to avoid commuting hours. Stay informed by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at udot.utah.gov/i15core, following the project on facebook.com/i15core and twitter.com/i15core and receiving text updates by texting "i15" to 53535.

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